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25X1 all enterprises

25X1 which have the same status as nationalized enterprises have been ordered to give

25X1 notice to their employees from West Berlin at the earliest possible date. The

25X1 nationalized enterprises were ordered to make preparations that specialists from

25X1 West Berlin still employed by them may be discharged in the near future without

25X1 any interruption in the flow of production. This statement was confirmed

25X1 measures designed to tighten the

isolation of West Berlin were being taken.

25X1 Comment. It appears that the period of uncertainty prevailing immediately

after Stalin's death in East Germany was replaced, about mid-April, by a policy

of the strictest Sovietization. There are increased indications of an intended

tightening of the sealing off of West Berlin. A large-scale operation in this

direction may be launched in spite of all possible Soviet intentions to hold a

conference on the settlement of the German problem.

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